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Father Haigl to Relate Life Under Communists

Catholic laymen of St. Lawrence Martyr parish will have an opportunity to hear firsthand the experiences of an escapee from Communist oppression tomorrow evening at the Knights of Columbus hall, 214 Avenue I.

Very Rev. Siard A. Haigl, O. Praem., father superior of the California Norbertine Priests from the Abbey of Csorna, Hungary, will address the men on the subject, "The Strength and Weakness of Communist Domination."

Grand Knight Lou Fuceli and St. Lawrence Men's Club President Martin O'Malley have extended a special invitation to all men of St. Lawrence parish to attend the steak dinner meeting as guests of the Knights of Columbus.

Father Haigl narrowly missed being sent to a concentration camp in 1950 when he escaped from the Communist rule in Hungary. Overnight all religious orders were abolished by the Communist government and the monasteries seized. Father Haigl and a band of five religious refugees fled the monastery before the Communist police arrived.

A loyal patriot guided them as they threaded through the

mine fields and barbed wire to the river where they swam to the Russian zone of Austria. Aided by the underground for three days, they finally eluded their pursuers and escaped to the English zone of Austria. After years of separation the band of escapees were finally



FATHER SIARD HAIGLI ... Escape from Oppression

united in Santa Ana, Calif., this summer. They now teach at Mater Dei High School. Father Haigl is a popular speaker with the luncheon clubs and fraternal organizations of Orange County.

Marineland Signs Dizzy Darling Trio

Direct from a series of hotel and nitory appearances, the Dizzy Darlings will begin a limited entertainment engagement on Jan. 2 at the Marineland Restaurant in Palos Verdes, having just been signed by owner George M. Foster to perform nightly in the "Porpoise Room."

The Dizzy Darlings, whose musicianship and singing will be enjoyed by patrons for the first time at the Marineland Restaurant, is a trio of glamorous girl entertainers.

They will follow the current attraction in the "Porpoise Room," the Bernie Jones Quintet and songstress Diane Richards.

Sapp No Sap, Makes High Test Score

Walter Arthur Sapp is no sap. The North High School student last week was named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition, according to Principal Dale Harter. He was listed among the 7500 high scorers on a scholarship qualifying test given to 300,000 seniors at 14,000 high schools throughout the country.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sapp, 4008 Merrill St., he will enter the finals of the competition on Jan. 11 and will be eligible for scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$2000 per year, if he qualifies.

North Torrance Man in Grapho Analysis

Bertram Monroe Richardson, 3607 W. 187th St., has been elected to a study membership in the International Grapho Analysis Society, Inc., of Springfield, Mo., it was announced yesterday. Upon completion of studies he will be awarded a certificate of proficiency in scientific character analysis from handwriting.

Freshmen Hold Dance

The freshman class at South High School held its first annual Freshman dance, entitled "Silver Shadows," at the Torrance High gymnasium Friday night.

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Northrop Aircraft Will Receive New \$70 Million Snark Program

Northrop Aircraft, Inc., has received a letter of intent from the Air Force for the production of more than \$70,000,000 in additional Snark SM-62 intercontinental guided missiles and related equipment.

That was what President Whitley C. Collins told shareholders attending the corporation's annual meeting at the Northrop Division offices Tuesday.

At the letter of intent stage, the price is yet to be determined before a contract is signed. The company received its first Snark production contract, in the amount of \$73,000,000, last summer.

Accuracy shown "This letter of intent follows the historic flight on Oct. 31 in which the Snark demonstrated unprecedented accuracy by delivering a simulated hydrogen warhead on a target 5000 miles from its launching site in Florida," Collins commented. Since that time, on Dec. 6, he added, a second Snark has duplicated the feat, traveling 5000 miles to strike its target.

The company president also announced that earnings for the first quarter of the 1958 fiscal year were materially higher than for the like period a year ago.

Net income for the three months ended Oct. 31, 1957, was \$1,421,173, equal to 93 cents a share on the 1,527,967 shares of common stock outstanding. This compares with \$1,136,089 or 75 cents a share on 1,512,584 shares outstanding at Oct. 31, 1956.

Income Figures Net sales and other income for the quarter ended Oct. 31 last totaled \$63,903,264 compared with \$73,342,553 for the corresponding three months last year. Production deliveries of F-89 Scorpion aircraft

were being made in the initial quarter of fiscal 1957, accounting for the higher volume a year ago.

"The increased earning ratio reflects improved cost controls and the realization of profits in subcontracting operations," Collins said.

Backlog as of Oct. 31, 1957, was \$196,000,000, not including the pending additional Snark work. This compared with \$216,000,000, as of July 31, 1957, and \$251,000,000, at Oct. 31, 1956.

Negotiations On Collins pointed out that in addition to the increased Snark program several other major projects are in negotiation and that final contract signings are expected to boost Northrop's backlog to its highest total since 1955. Approximately half the company's present and projected business is in missiles, he said.

The company will be able to maintain its present production schedules under the government's recently defined policy of reimbursement of costs on cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts, Northrop's president indicated. Northrop is ahead of schedule on its contract for an evaluation quantity of T-38 supersonic jet trainer airplanes. Delivery of the first T-38s depends largely on engine availability, he said.

Another plane in the same family of lightweight, low-cost aircraft is currently being proposed for the NATO and SEATO nations and for other free world countries, Collins revealed. Designated the 6-150F supersonic counter-air fighter, it has created much favorable interest in Europe and Asia, he commented.

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